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SRI A. VELOO :—" Has the Government of Madras recognized the training in the National Cadet Corps as an additional qualification for Government service? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" That has nothing to do with this question. We shall pass on to the next question."

Delay in forwarding pension papers in the Fisheries Department.

* 292 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from persons of the Fisheries Department alleging inordinate delay in the department to forward pension papers;

(b) if so, from how many; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Two cases.

" (c) In one case the Government have sanctioned the grant of an anticipatory pension pending issue of final pension order. In the other case, the report of the Director of Industries and Commerce is awaited."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know how long this pension paper has been pending? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The officer, in whose affair the hon. Member is interested, retired from service on 23rd June 1953. There has been some delay because we have to refer the matter to the Accountant-General and the Accountant-General returned back the papers. No doubt, there has been some delay. But, in the meanwhile, the Government have sanctioned the grant of an anticipatory pension of Rs. 30 per mensem to this officer."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the fact that these Government officers drawing a small salary have to wait for months after retirement to get their pension and they have to starve or go on begging in the meanwhile, will the Government find out some method for expediting these matters? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall certainly expedite it, Sir. Certain delays are inevitable. Therefore, we sanction anticipatory pension."

Opening of a Medical College in Madurai.

* 293 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the estimated capital expenditure to be incurred on the proposed Medical College at Madurai—

(i) for the pre-clinical course; and

(ii) for the clinical course?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The total capital expenditure on the Madurai Medical College Scheme, as a whole, as at present estimated is Rs. 61,85,100.

No separate figures are available regarding the expenditure in respect of the pre-clinical and clinical courses."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to give figures in respect of buildings and equipment separately? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They are as follows :—

		LAKHS. RS.
Construction of buildings		44·20
Acquisition of lands		1·594
	plus	2·167
Laboratory fittings		2·52
Apparatus equipment		9·36
Furniture		2·01
Books		0·50
	Total ..	62·351"

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know whether this Medical College at Madurai will begin to function in this academic year? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" All attempts are being made to start the college from July this year."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know how many students are likely to be admitted in this institution? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" We will begin with fifty students and in two years, we will increase the strength to about 100."

Import of molasses from Hyderabad.

* 294 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that large quantities of molasses are imported into this State from Hyderabad, and if so, for what purposes they are used in Salem and Coimbatore districts?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

Construction of buildings for the Government High School, Mulki, South Kanara.

* 295 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the buildings of the Government High School at Mulki in South Kanara;